

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. I thank Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SMITH, and my colleagues on the anti-Semitism Taskforce.

Mr. Speaker, Susanne Winter, a member of the Austrian Parliament from the extreme rightwing Freedom Party of Austria, received the following post on her Facebook: "The Zionist money Jews are the global problem. Europe, and in particular Germany, are now getting what they deserve from Zionist Jews, particularly rich Zionist Jews in the USA." Winter responded to the post on Saturday. She said: "It is great. You took the words right out of my mouth."

Mr. Speaker, this resolution condemning anti-Semitism in Europe takes the words right out of my mouth, and I support it emphatically.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

History has shown us the tragedy of what can happen when this sort of hatred goes on unchecked. It is past time for governments and communities to focus on the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Europe and do whatever it takes to turn it back.

This resolution sends a message that we are keeping a close eye on the problem and that action is needed now to meet this challenge. I encourage my colleagues to support this measure.

I want to also compliment my good friend CHRIS SMITH. We all worked hard on this, but no one works harder than he in combating anti-Semitism. If you know CHRIS SMITH, you know that, when he gets obsessed with something, he follows it to the end; and it, as always, has a great conclusion. He is obsessed against hatred. He is obsessed against bad things happening to any group of people. I am very proud of the work that he has done through the years, and I want to thank him for his leadership in combating anti-Semitism.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Again, I want to thank Mr. ENGEL for his leadership and his kind words. Again, this is truly a collaborative effort, and I want to thank him for it.

Mr. Speaker, at a congressional hearing I chaired in 2002—and I chaired about 18 such hearings on combating anti-Semitism—Dr. Shimon Samuels of the Wiesenthal Center said: "The Holocaust for 30 years after the war acted as a protective Teflon against blatant anti-Semitic expression, especially in Europe. That Teflon has eroded, and what was considered distasteful and politically incorrect is becoming simply an opinion." He warned ominously, saying, "cocktail chatter at fine English dinners can end as Molotov cocktails against synagogues."

Mr. Speaker, Abraham Lincoln once said that "to sin by silence when they

should protest makes cowards of men." Silence is not an option. And, I would equally say, nor is inaction.

If our fight is to succeed, we need government officials at all levels to not just denounce but to act without hesitation or delay whenever and wherever anti-Semitic acts occur. There are no exceptions. The purveyors of hate never take a holiday or grow weary, nor should we.

H. Res. 354 is a best practices resolution designed to seriously inspire and challenge the governments of Europe, especially law enforcement and their homeland security agencies, to partner with their respective Jewish communities to mitigate and hopefully end and eradicate anti-Semitism in all of its ugly manifestations.

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United States law enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, the Justice Department, the FBI, as well as State Homeland Security agencies, including in my own State of New Jersey, have been robust and aggressive in combating anti-Semitism here. We need to replicate this and encourage others to follow our lead and that of the UK, and I do hope we will do that.

This resolution is broadly bipartisan. I want to thank Nathaniel Hurd, on our staff, for his tremendous work on this resolution, working with all of his respective staffers and Members, of course, to bring this about. And I want to thank the leadership for bringing it to the floor this evening.

I urge a "yea" vote.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 354, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

THE E-FREE ACT

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, can you imagine such debilitating pain, fatigue, and depression that you feel as if your children have lost you as a parent?

For women impacted by the medical device Essure and its documented damaging side effects, this unimaginable situation is a stark reality.

Since it appeared on the market in 2002, Essure, a permanent sterilization

device for women, has triggered over 5,000 formal complaints to the FDA, including reported symptoms of pelvic and abdominal pain, internal bleeding, autoimmune reactions, loss of teeth and hair, and even metal breaking and migrating throughout the body.

On top of that, Essure has been proven responsible for the deaths of four women and five unborn children.

Yet, in the face of all these facts, today Essure remains on the market, certified with FDA's stamp of approval. That is unacceptable to me and the tens of thousands of women who are living with this device's effects.

That is why this week I will introduce the E-Free Act, legislation to remove this device from the market before it can hurt any other women. This is a women's issue, a safety issue, a regulatory issue, an issue with faces and names.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me and the thousands of women across the Nation in this fight.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE LATE SENATOR FRED THOMPSON

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American who passed away yesterday, former United States Senator Fred Thompson.

Fred Thompson represented the State of Tennessee in the United States Senate from 1995 until 2003. He had been a staffer on the Watergate Committee and kind of made a name for himself there when he asked such good, probing questions and did such a marvelous job.

He later went on to be an outstanding attorney before he became a United States Senator and an actor and a leader in our country who crossed party aisles and was known to sometimes deviate from everybody to do what he thought was right.

I was a State senator and a Democrat. Fred Thompson, a Republican, encouraged me to get involved, stay involved, and shoot for the top in politics.

He worked with Democrats in the Senate, and he was awarded the National Conference of State Legislators Keeping Federalism Alive Award because of his lone vote, a single bill that has kept the policy of federalism. It wasn't politics for Fred Thompson. It was philosophy.

He was a great leader. He will be missed. I send my condolences to his family. I thank him for his service to my State and our country.

THE FIVE-STAR AMERICAN GAS STATION IN AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)